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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 1721-42

Date: December 20, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING THE LOCUS OF A MAJOR RESISTANCE GENE TO THE RICE YELLOW MOTTLE VIRUS,  
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
51 pages of specification and claims (including 28 numbered claims), 3 page Sequence Listing, and  
9 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.  
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.  
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.  
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
99/07834	France	21 June 1999
PCT/FR00/01724		21 June 2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee

Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence  
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